

What can be done?

What is hard to see through is the ~~total~~ almost total degree of powerlessness which presently exists. We can make almost nothing happen.

- How we get rid of our garbage becomes a big deal. (Landfill)
- The new police chief.
- Labor relations in the fire dept.

Maintaining a radical version is extremely difficult when one is confronted on every corner with the force of suffocating forces of the status quo.

- To deal with health care, we ~~can~~ have the Med. C. and the doctors - (the only group which has ever forced me)

- To deal with legal cases, we have the legal establishment, and the judges.

- In general, we have the newspapers, the C.D. & radio, the church, the unions, the O.S.O.A., the Montgomery Comm., the Chamber of Commerce, the Legislature, the business, the Federal Bureau, etc., the Demo & Rep. parties,

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I am unable to look in the mirror -
and see how I am. How am I? I don't
know. I don't know who "I" am.

For years now, I have not lived a
normal emotional life. My relationship
to J. remains unclear. We pass time
together, but the relationship doesn't grow
mature or deepen.

I have pushed everything, on top of
everything, on top of everything. My
ability to think, to cry, to laugh, or to
relate to other human beings is stunted.
Year after year, edited after edited,
letter after letter, media bullshit after
media bullshit -

It occurred to me this morning that planning and decision making were two of the biggest ~~weaknesses~~ weaknesses that I have. Not only do I put my bills every month - "What's my month?" I am unable to plan vacations or intelligently because time is so short. It would be fun going white rafting or fishing down a main river, or on a sailing boat, or traveling, etc. etc. Actually, I am better now than I used to be - but still pretty poor.

Bad planning is having a house which is filthy and looks like shit because I don't have someone to clean for \$15.00 per week. That, in turn, results in my not inviting people over and fully enjoying the house.

This last year I have gone to England & Ireland, Florida in the Sun, Nicaragua & Man.

Poor planning is not getting the car fixed, etc.

- (1) Should I run for Governor?
- (2) The major issues facing the city.
- (3) Where should we be one year from now?

→ N.Y. Times - "What is socialism?"

- 1917 - The Revolution
- 1918-22 - The ~~1st~~ 1st World War
- 1924 - Lenin's Death
- 1924-27 - The Defeat of Trotsky
- 1927 - Stalin's Rise
- 1934 - W.W. II
- 1946 - Cold War
- 1952 - Death of Stalin
- 1954 - Khrushchev's speech.

I) - Psychologically - what's going on?

1) I am not looking toward the future. There are no goals, plans to meet those goals, realistic expectations.

1. can't get started on gubernatorial campaign.

2. am not dealing with 10 percent or fault.

3. am not maintaining this house well.

4. am not travelling.

5. am not planning what happens if I am out of office in a year. What do I do. What do I want to do.

II. Life goes by fast. so fast. The last 5 years recast the last 5 years - plus my mental instability - place me in an uncomfortable position.

- Personal Considerations - Are there other things that I would like to do more.
- Political Considerations - Do I have the right not to run.
- If I stay in office what should I expect?
 - a) declining ^{general} popularity. The "thrill" and newness is gone. I'm just a struggling politician running a reasonably good foot. Today is not 4 years ago.
 - b) expense. antagonism. City employees, women groups, poor people, communists, human comm.
 - c) lack of excitement ~~and~~ & turnover within the Prog. Coal. & the Adm. We have been very cohesive. It may break.
 - 1) personal antagonisms & jealousies.
 - 2) people cannot continue to work as hard. Run out.
 - 3) Split over relationship to the Dem. Pat. Deep down, a # of our people would like the return of Caddy & the O. P.
 - d) Do we become a humdrum "good foot"?
 - e) Are our ideas so our ideas represent the moral of Burke.
 - f) The NP is ~~has~~ failed.
 - g) We are not coming up with candidacies for office.
 - h) We are not relating well to workers & poor people.
 - i) relating to the media.
 - j) Bond issue - big money.
 - k) Voluntary effort - Poor.